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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office communication having a mailing date of November 16, 2005, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.499 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-8 and 16-19) in the above-captioned patent application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims - is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is clearly stated that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can

be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Applicants herein reserve the right to file divisional patent application(s) based on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

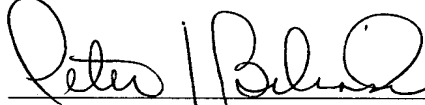
Entry of this response and expedited examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested at this time.

If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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